Today in Columbus History: On July 30, 1852, a death notice appeared in the *Southern Sentinel* (Columbus, GA), announcing the death of Rev. James Allen, who died earlier that month on July 12. Rev. Allen, age 86, died at the home of his son John W. Allen in Smith's Station, Russell County, AL. Born in Virginia in 1764, Allen had served in the American Revolution at a very young age. He later moved to Georgia – living in Warren, Hancock and Meriwether Counties, before ending up in Russell Co., AL. before 1850. He devoted the rest of his life to preaching and practicing medicine at no charge to his patients. Allen is one of two Revolutionary Soldiers buried in Linwood Cemetery. The other is George Wells Foster. In Columbus there are two other marked graves of Revolutionary soldiers: Richard Christmas out off County Line Road and Samuel Cooper at the intersection of Warm Springs and Miller Roads.

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## DIED,

At the residence of his son, John W. Allen, in Russell County, Ala., on the 12th inst., the Rev. JAMES AL-LEN, in the eighty-sixth year of his age. The disease which terminated his existence was protracted and of great severity, but was borne with that christian forbearance and resignation, which formed the prominent characteristic of his former life.

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1850 Russell Co. AL census record showing James, age 84, living with his son John W. Allen.



Tombstone of Rev. James Allen in Linwood Cemetery. Note: Death date erroneously given as 1851. This monument was probably erected sometime after the death of the Reverend's son John W., who is also buried in this plot. From Findagrave.



The Allen lot, Linwood Cemetery. James on left; John W., on right. John W. died 1859. From <u>Findagrave.com</u>